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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES.....House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX.....chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is October 9, 2013. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to require the Department of Education to establish a website by the spring of 2013 where various educational and teaching models can be reviewed by school districts and to develop an annual summer seminar where school districts can learn about different education and teaching models.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-291)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill with a resolve that provides for the implementation of standards-based learning models across the State as a means to significantly improve the success rate of Maine students and to foster education opportunities and growth. The amendment directs the Department of Education to establish a website to post exemplary models and best practices of deeper learning educational models and resources that can enable school administrative units to transition to a standards-based system of education that includes proficiency-based standards for awarding a high school diploma. In addition, the Department of Education is required to hold a statewide conference no later than June 20, 2014 as a means of educating the entire State about standards-based or deeper learning models, as well as a series of teleconferences between October 20, 2013 and June 20, 2014 that will provide support for school systems throughout the State as they implement standards-based learning or deeper learning models.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-548)

This amendment requires the Commissioner of Education to hold an annual conference for school board members, superintendents, school administrators, educators and others, in order to share best practices and showcase innovative approaches to teaching and learning and post materials from the conference on the department's publicly accessible website. The Department of Education is required to hold the statewide conferences from 2014 to 2018 about standards-based or deeper learning models. The amendment also directs the Department of Education to post on its publicly accessible website exemplary models and best practices of deeper learning educational models and resources that can enable school administrative units to transition to a standards-based system of education that includes proficiency-based standards for awarding a high school diploma. In addition, the department is required to hold a series of teleconferences between October 20, 2013 and June 20, 2014 that will provide support for school systems throughout the State as they implement standards-based learning or deeper learning models.

LD 1130 An Act To Create a Virtual School Managed by the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN MACDONALD W	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to establish a state-managed virtual school, which would:

1. Be designed to allow the State to maintain direct oversight over and apply stringent quality controls to the management of the school;
2. Use current in-state talent and, to the extent possible, rely on content prepared and shared by teachers within the State;
3. Be designed to best deliver services to students and schools in the most cost-efficient manner; and
4. Focus on maximizing the delivery of course content and material to rural schools throughout the State.